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SUBJECT: Sino-US Meeting.

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1. General approach we prefer for December 11 meeting is one in which you will make generalized statement of US desire for improved relations and suggest date and arrangements for formal meeting but avoid any specific substantive discussions on other issues. We believe Chinese will accept fact that short notice of current meeting makes detailed discussion of issues impractical and will themselves be unprepared to deal with substance. We wish to draw Chinese out into formal resumption of talks and believe it would not be helpful now to hint at issues we wish to discuss. This might in fact

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discourage Chinese and diminish likelihood we will be ~~able~~ able to move toward more productive meeting in coming weeks.

2. Following are points you should make in your meeting with ChiCom Charge:

a. Since this is first face-to-face encounter since beginning of Nixon Administration, it provides an opportunity to begin exploring whether some improvement in our bilateral relationship may now be possible.

b. The Chinese are ~~xxx~~ aware of statements by President and Secretary Rogers making clear our belief that there should be greater communication with Peoples Republic of China, that we believe China has an important role in Asia, and that in last analysis ~~eventually~~ Asian decisions must be taken by Asian nations themselves, a process in which China should take a part.

These statements are authoritative and serious.

c. We do not wish to engage in sterile rehash of old ideological arguments.

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We recognize that major ideological differences will remain between us. We assume that many such differences will persist in the world. We believe nevertheless that an honest mutual effort to explore state-to-state differences can result in reduction of tensions presently existing. This would be of benefit to both sides.

d. ~~xxx~~ You should state you are not authorized to broach specific issues or topics for discussion at this time but would like to propose formal meeting between our ~~km~~ two governments sometime during week of January 12-16, or at a mutually agreeable date soon ~~thereof~~ thereafter. You should tentatively suggest January 14. At such meeting, each Government could set forth prospective agenda or topics for discussion as well as any specific proposals and suggestions it wished. You should decline to be drawn on specific agenda items on grounds you have no instructions to do so at present time.

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e.2.20x You should propose that next meeting be conducted using the Chinese-English interpretation we have adopted in the past in such discussions. Need for clarity and avoidance of multiple interpretations is obvious advantage of such approach.

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f. As regards meeting site, since current meeting held in PRC Embassy, you should propose next meeting be held in US Embassy and thereafter alternate between our respective Embassies. If this not acceptable, US willing to consider moving site to alternative city or ~~any~~ other meeting arrangement Chinese might suggest. (FYI: If Lei Yang prepared accept concept of meeting but boggles at agreement to meeting our Embassy, you are authorized to accept next meeting in Chinese Embassy as well but with clear understanding which we would wish Chinese to confirm to us then or subsequently that principle of alternating Embassies acceptable and that Chinese will not insist on all meetings on their premises.) If Chinese express willingness to return to meetings in Polish Palace, you should express preference for meeting ~~on other~~ ^{elsewhere}

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and press Chinese for alternative suggestion. If they decline to do so, you should say you will have to refer their views to USG.

8. ~~24~~) You should conclude with reiteration of US desire to improve relations with Peking and hope for reduction in tensions which have existed between our two governments which have been expressed by officials of US Government at highest levels. You should not rpt not engage in any political exchanges respond or ~~respond~~ to any ideological or political accusations or ~~criticisms~~ criticisms by Chinese other than to state US ~~wishes~~ wishes to make progress on substantive issues and that this would not be furthered at current meeting or one we have ~~proposed~~ proposed for near future by exchange of views on such subjects.

3. While possibility exists that your visit to ChiCom Embassy will be picked up by press, you should assure Chinese that we do not intend to initiate announcement that meeting took place. If asked, we propose say QUOTE The American Ambassador met briefly with the

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Chinese Chargé at the Chinese Embassy to discuss ^{matters of} ~~the~~ common interest.

~~Propose to meet in our respective capitals for~~

~~discussions on subject of common interest~~

~~discussions on subject of common interest~~ UNQUOTE If agreement reached on

specific date for next meeting, you should indicate we
as in the ~~proposal~~, ^{We suggest} this be done in our
propose, this be made public, in respective capitals

24 hours later in brief statement by each Government

merely indicating agreement reached to meet on specific

date set. If no agreement reached and Chinese do not
say anything on subject of discussions,

want to ~~discussions on subject of common interest~~

you may agree that aside from confirming that a meet-

ing occurred, we would say only that QUOTE By mutual

agreement between our two sides, we do not divulge the

contents of our meetings. UNQUOTE If Chinese refuse

to agree to any confirmation to press, you should

express regret and say our own system makes it ^{difficult} ~~impossible~~

~~to~~ maintain such position but that we will use

latter "do not divulge contents" formulation ^{if unavoidable.} ~~survive~~

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